

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-4, 7-9 and 11 are amended.

I. Claims Satisfy All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to claims 6-12. Claim 6 has been amended to obviate this objection.

II. Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,734,719 to Tsevdos et al. ("Tsevdos"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Tsevdos does not disclose a method for monitoring the status of manufacturing products including a patented manufacturing process and a non-patented manufacturing process as in the invention of claim 1 or an apparatus for monitoring the status of manufacturing products according to one of the plurality of processes including a patented manufacturing process and a non-patented manufacturing process as in the invention of claim 6. Instead, Tsevdos is concerned with copying copyrighted products onto a CD, cassette tape, reel-to-reel tape etc.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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